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GLAD HAND.

The Kentucky Irish American welcomes into the journalistic fold Hon. Robert Worth Bingham, who succeeds the Haldemans and Henry Watterson as owner and editor of the Courier-Journal and Times. Nothing can be said of Marse Henry and his long-time associates that is not already known to our readers and the public. For fifty years they have done great newspaper work, which Judge Bingham promises to continue. For those retiring and the new owner-editor we have only the kindest feeling, and sincerely hope they may be long spared and successful.

WHY THE DEFENSE?

Beginning with the New York Times and down to our own Louisville Herald, there seems to be an organized effort to defend England's part in the war, and great stress is laid on the fact that some of our troops are being carried in English ships or guarded by British cruisers. All of this seems to come from the query in several quarters as to why the British troops didn't strike when the American and French troops made their move. Anyway, if England is doing her share why the great defensive move in the press?

LOOKING FORWARD.

Under the above caption the Cincinnati Enquirer holds that "one of the most interesting of the various phenomena connected with the present war is the mental attitude observable in different parts and among different people." The youth who have gone to the front know what they are "up against." They have taken the measure of every form of unlawful ambition and desire to rule. To them has already come that spirit which comes to all who have had a share in the battles. And now the boys of our own country know and feel the same. It is they who will finish the task and come back to set up the new world at home. Won't the professional politician who attempts to feed them "bunk"? There will be short shrift as well for the social and financial make-believers when the three million or five million, as the case may be, take charge here. They have met sham and pretense in their most formidable guise, and it is not to be supposed that they will worship at the shrine of their petty counterparts. Just how they will work it out is not to be clearly discerned at this time, nor is it necessary that the details be discussed. But these dealers with the realities of evil will know how to handle the situation. What of those who die in the battle? There will be tears for them, but no call for pity over their fate. Their souls will go straight to God. For they are the real and the earnest of that which is to come. To them has been allotted the supreme privilege. For if they who have met to the full, in their own way, that final test, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." And it is through them and by their sacrifice that the new world which is to come shall be established in righteousness.

PREJUDICE.

It seems strange that opposition to prayer at any time should be voiced by those who call themselves Christians. But we have among us some who are more afraid of approaching the Catholic church than of becoming out and out heathens. Strange what distorted views prejudice can give us even in these trying times when love of country dictates that every effort should be put forth to win the war, says the True Voice.

The Rotary clubs of America have inaugurated a "War Angelus"—which means that all people are invited to give one minute at 11 o'clock each day to pray for the success of our arms. One would scarcely expect to find any opposition to that. But the name "Angelus" proved a stumbling block for some who saw in the plan an insidious attempt of the Catholic church to inveigle unsuspecting Protestants into "Romish" practices. Result: One minister publicly voices his protest against the prayer and declares that he will not join in it. Despite explanations there are still some who refuse to pray for our country lest they might unwittingly aid the Catholic church in any way. It is a strange situation. Of course the

Rotary Club is not in any sense a Catholic organization. The Catholic church believes in the efficacy of prayer, but she is not trying to force those who are not of her fold to join her in prayer. As a matter of fact the Rotary "Angelus" has nothing in common with the Angelus of the Catholic church except the name. The Catholic Angelus is a prayer that is recommended to be recited morning, noon and night in honor of our Lord's incarnation. The Rotary "Angelus" is set for 11 o'clock—not noon—and it means a minute of silent prayer for the success of our country in the war. Each one prays in his own way.

Surely those who object to this minute of prayer do not deny that a little time given to prayer is a good thing. Do they never pray themselves, that they object to others being reminded of that duty? We do not believe that they are so devoid of religion as all that. They are simply prejudiced against the Catholic church. It is a pity that it is so. We hope that one of the results of this war will be to break down such unreasoning prejudices.

NEXT LIBERTY LOAN.

The fourth Liberty loan will be launched during the last week of September and the campaign will last for three weeks. The loan will be for six billion dollars. It will test the resources and wealth of the country as they have not been tested before. But we have no doubt that the loan will be oversubscribed. Every dollar of wealth in this country should be dedicated to the cause for which we are now fighting. All else is secondary to this. Our boys are fighting for us in France. If necessary everything must be sacrificed to sustain them in their battle for the right.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

There is nothing surprising in the vote on the Irish question in the House of Commons last week. There will be no settlement by the present Government, and no hope is held out regarding any settlement in the near future. We expected just that and nothing more. The blundering policy of estranging Ireland will be kept up to the end. And then some American editors wonder why Ireland opposes conscription! In the debate John Dillon's plea that the Irish question be settled along the lines of President Wilson's declared policy was met by Asquith's statement that it was a matter that must be settled among themselves. No attempt was made to meet Dillon's arraignment of the past blundering policy of the Government which has driven Irishmen to lose all confidence in British statesmen. His plea to correct that policy even at this late date was ignored. We can only conclude that Lloyd George and Asquith intend to pursue the same suicidal policy indefinitely. Meanwhile Great Britain loses the strength that Ireland could give her in the struggle against Germany. She would apply Prussian methods to Ireland while declaring for the freedom of all other small nationalities. Conscription is dead, and the world can now see why it is dead. The debate has brought out clearly the reason why Irishmen distrust the promises of Liberal politicians and refuse to be Prussianized. In bringing the real grievances of Ireland before the American people the discussion has done good. The vote was a foregone conclusion. No one expected any other result. Great Britain and her allies are the losers by the wooden-headed policy of her statesmen toward Ireland at this supreme crisis in the world's history.

SURE DOES.

President Wilson, it is well known, is very friendly to Ireland, and has often voiced his desire to see the Irish question settled in a manner satisfactory to the majority of the Irish people. Now it is reasonable to suppose that the President has been using his influence quietly to get the Irish question settled as a necessary war measure. Assuming this to be the case, is it not probable that the German-Irish plot is nothing more than a Tory invention, designed to turn the President from his purpose? Looks like that, doesn't it?

The holier than thou purity reformers of the Men's Federation seem to be driven back to the last trenches by the wave of public indignation.

COMING EVENTS.

August 13—Baseball moonlight excursion of Trinity Athletic Association.

August 21—Annual picnic of Trinity Council, Y. M. C. I., at Phoenix Hill Park.

August 27—Euchre and lotto of Hibernian Social Club on lawn, 1818 Portland avenue, evening only.

August 28—Good Shepherd day at Fontaine Ferry Park.

August 28—Annual picnic of St. Louis church, Highland Park, at Thornberry's Grove, Highland Park.

SOCIETY.

Col. P. H. Callahan is in the East on a business trip.

Mrs. James Duffley entertained her card club Monday afternoon.

Mrs. John T. Malone left this week to join her children at Bay View, Mich.

Mrs. Agnes Schuler has returned home after a visit with Mrs. August Elsener at Latonia.

Miss Edna Shea, of Oakdale, has been entertaining Mrs. E. V. Burkman, of Fort Thomas.

Miss Abbie D. Chester, who has been ill the past three weeks, is now improving rapidly.

Miss Bertha Sheridan, of Portland, left Tuesday for a trip to Chicago, Enfield and Vincennes.

Miss Florence Mahoney has returned from a visit to her uncle, Forest Mahoney, at New Haven.

Miss Lillian Clegg left the first of the week with a party of friends to spend ten days on the lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKiernan spent the week-end at St. Helen's with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ramser.

Miss Virginia Watson spent several days at Bardonia last week, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edelen.

Mrs. Louis Barry is home from Bowling Green, where she was the guest of her brother, Arch Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Donahue, of Oakdale, had as a visitor the past week Robert Semones, of Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Thelma Strief, of Jeffersonville, spent last week with her cousin, Miss Dorothy Shea, in Oakdale.

Jasper Hagan and daughter, Miss Mary, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Coyle at New Haven.

Mr. Ed Sweeney and son, J. P. Sweeney, South Louisville, have returned from a visit with relatives at Nashville.

Miss Cathryn Fitzgerald left Sunday night for Los Angeles, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fitzgerald.

Miss Annie McGill, who is spending two weeks at Saratoga Springs, will make a trip to New York City before returning.

Miss Nellie O'Sullivan is visiting at St. Catherine's as the guest of her sister, Sister Alexia, and the Dominican Sisters.

Miss Irene Stack, of South Louisville, is visiting Mrs. James Redmond and daughter, Miss Marie Redmond, at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Wheeler, Bardonia road, had as visitors the past week Mrs. John T. Glenn and little daughter, of Portland.

Mrs. T. A. Coyle, of Jeffersonville, left last week for Nashville, where she was to join her daughter, Miss Mabel Coyle.

Misses Alice and Roberta Whelan were week-end visitors at Bardonia from a visit to their cousins, Misses Ora and Eva Gilkey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mulligan have gone to Toronto, Canada, where they are the guests of Mr. Mulligan's mother, Mrs. T. Mulligan.

Kentucky people sojourning in New York the past week were E. J. O'Brien, R. G. Wolf, J. L. McBride and C. A. Bove, all of this city.

Misses Anna Burke and Catherine O'Hara, of New Albany, have returned from a visit to Indianapolis, St. Mary's of the Woods and North Vernon.

Mrs. Laura Feaman left Monday to visit Mrs. Frank A. Cannon at Owensboro, and Mrs. Joseph McCauley.

Mrs. Mary Kiefer announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Henrietta Kiefer, to James Hubrich. The wedding will take place August 15 in the parlors of St. Joseph's church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Norton and daughters, Misses Catherine, Eleanor and Elsie Norton, spent the week-end with their daughter and sister, Sister Mary Leonilda, at Nazareth.

Mrs. Carolyn Huggins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John A. McMillan, and Mr. McMillan at Dayton, Ohio. Her son, Attorney Clem W. Huggins, will join her there and they will return together by motor.

Judge Will Shelley, who was in New York for the Empire City track meeting, returned home the first of the week. His daughter will remain for some time yet the guest of Miss Mary Winn, daughter of Col. Matt Winn.

Miss Mary King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome King, of Owensboro, is spending her annual vacation in Chicago, Kalamazoo, Detroit and other points. She is accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jerome King, Jr.

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Are you doing yours?

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Allen Long has returned to her home in Newark, N. J., after spending the past two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Zix, and other friends in this city. A number of social receptions in honor of Mrs. Long made her visit a most pleasant one.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudius Duvall announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Naniene Ovington Duvall, to Frank Fehr Kremer, First Lieutenant U. S. A., stationed with the Thirty-fifth Machine Gun Company at Camp Hancock. The marriage was solemnized quietly Saturday afternoon at the Cathedral of the Assumption.

A delightful surprise was given at the home of Miss Mary Gilmore in honor of her twenty-first birthday. Those present were Misses Kathryn O'Leary, Mary Dolan, Kathryn Bartlett, Bertha Bauer, Blanche Satterwhite, Bess Satterwhite, Elmore Spuzel, Mary R. O'Brien, Bess Sheehan, Nora O'Leary, Elmore Gilmore, Margaret Gilmore, Jeannette Bandolin, Lillian Bandolin, Esther Schmidt, Ruth Schmidt, Virginia Garr, Hattie Garr, Marie Hauk, Margaret Jordan, Margaret Samuels, Agnes Casey, Clara Fiehlman; Messrs. Tom Casey, Freddie Casey, Mike Sheehan, Billie Hechter, Johnnie Heck, William Boul, Corp. Archie Cruise, George Green, Leo Dolan, H. Turney Grahn, Charlie Chappel, William Proctor, Sgt. W. Hupman, Timmie O'Leary, Ollie Eisner, Harry Distler, Paul Perkins, E. J. McCurdy, John Sullivan, Earl Whitehead, James Jones, Robert Appleton.

ANOTHER PRIEST CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. Father Albert George Wickes, former associate rector of Holy Trinity church, New Albany, who recently was recommended for appointment as chaplain in the army, has received a commission as First Lieutenant. He probably will be assigned to Camp Zachary Taylor. Father Wickes has been stationed at the St. Michael's church at Corydon for the past two years and has been active in the various lines of war work in Harrison county.

COLLIER JOINS FORCES.

Robert J. Collier, publisher of Collier's Weekly, has volunteered as a Knight of Columbus Secretary and will take up war work in France.

FOUR VACANT SEES.

Notwithstanding the recent appointment of Bishops, four sees in the United States still remain vacant. They are Buffalo, Albany, Grand Rapids and Santa Fe.

THE KILL-JOY.

"Somebody is always trying to take the joy out of life" has become a popular saying nowadays, and it is as true as it is popular. The Malevolent Order of Mourners has representatives everywhere; and these are always ready to throw out a smoke screen whenever there are indications that the rays of happiness are about to brighten the lives of their neighbors. They are perniciously energetic, and not content with restricting their blighting activities to the present, they plan campaigns against future enjoyment. At present they are conspiring against the recurrence of the joys of Yuletide. They want to put a ban on the giving of Christmas gifts. Now it is one thing that people need more than another it is the Christmas spirit, the disposition to make others happy, the realization that it is more blessed to give than to receive, the feeling of pleasure at the joy of others. It's a pity that this spirit, to a very great extent, confines its manifestation to the Christmas holidays. It is to be deplored that its benevolent influence is not universally felt throughout the entire year. No Christmas gift is New York, after spending the past two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Zix, and other friends in this city. A number of social receptions in honor of Mrs. Long made her visit a most pleasant one.

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MASS UNDER DIFFICULTY.

This letter from "somewhere at sea" shows the tireless work of the chaplains through a soldier's eyes, a Mr. Weisel, of Chicago: "Yesterday was Sunday and the chaplain said mass on aft-deck at 11 o'clock. We were all grouped around him on the aftdeck, and he asked for four Catholic boys to come up and help him. I being near the ladder naturally was on the job. It was a beautiful, warm, sunlit morning, a gentle breeze, that is, gentle after what we were used to, and a moderate sea running. The boat was pitching some, but not enough to be unpleasant. He had placed a table against a pile of boxes, and after he had arranged himself in his vestments—with some difficulty, as the wind flapped them wildly—he showed us how he wanted us to help him. Two of us held down the linen and the candles—in mica shades—one served and tended the book, while I lay up on the life rafts at full length about two feet above the altar, and reaching down with one hand I held the chalice to keep it from being upset by the roll of the vessel, and with the other I held the crucifix. I leave it to you to picture this wonderful ceremony.

"Up on the raft lines on booms and spars, on stairways, in lifeboats, in hoisting engines, everywhere that a man could find footing, there was nothing but a mass of khaki-clad figures, some with hats on, some smoking cigarettes, some telling their beads devoutly, others with their prayerbooks, others just praying silently, devoutly, reverently. Down an engine-room hatch, some grimy coal passers had a phonograph going with some one singing 'Joan of Arc, They Are Calling You.' This soon stopped, and by the time the last gospel was reached then those not of our faith were giving the services their undivided attention. Then the priest walked out on the bridge and preached on 'Over There,' where we were going, the cause that beckons us, what may happen to us and how we may come through it. That his weaving of all these things into spiritual sense was very impressive you may easily imagine. When he finished speaking he went back to the altar, and the mob of soldiers cheered and yelled and whistled and clapped their hands and cried aloud in a manner that left no doubt that he had struck a responsive chord in their hearts. I glanced up and saw a broad smile on his face at this, but he gave no other sign that he had noticed. On his chalice was engraved 'The Children of Manhattanville, 1917.' I wish I knew something of them, for I would like to write and tell them of the glorious mass their gift made possible."

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION.

Next Thursday, August 15, will be the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin and a holiday of obligation. Wednesday will be a fasting day, but dispensation from abstinence is granted to all working men and their families.

ST. DOMINIC'S DAY.

Last Sunday, August 4, was the Feast of St. Dominic, and in accordance with the usual custom services were conducted at St. Louis Bertrand's church by the Franciscan fathers. The services consisted of high mass and a panegyric delivered by one of the Franciscan fathers.

DID KEYSTONE ACT.

"You're under arrest," exclaimed the Keystone officer, as he stopped the automobile. "What for?" Inquired Chugrins. "I haven't made up my mind yet. I'll just look over your lights, and your license, and your numbers, and so forth. I know I can get you for something."

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